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WE CONCUR IN PRESS RELEASE BUT WOULD WISH AVOID GIVING
IMPRESSION OF FIRM AND FIXED DOLLAR COMMITMENT SINCE
APPROVED PROGRAM IS PROJECTION AND INTENTION BUT MANY
VARIABLES REMAIN SUCH AS NEGOTIATION OF DETAILS OF EACH OF
MANY PROJECTS. SUGGEST FIRST THREE SENTENCES BE REPLACED
BY FOLLOWING: QUOTE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF
EGYPT HAVE AGREED ON AUGUST 28, 1974 TO THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF AN EXPANDED PROGRAM OF JOINT SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL
RESEARCH TO BE CARRIED OUT BY EGYPTIAN SCIENTISTS AND
AMERICAN SCIENTISTS IN EGYPT. THE PROGRAM WILL BE
SUPPORTED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WITH THE
EQUIVALENT OF APPROXIMATELY 5 MILLION DOLLARS TO BE
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ALLOTTED OVER THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 1974 TO JUNE 1975.

THIS REPRESENTS AN ONGOING DETERMINATION OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO SUPPORT AND FOSTER JOINT
RESEARCH EFFORTS. UNQUOTE. REMAINING SENTENCES THE SAME.
WE ASSUME EMBASSY WOULD PREFER DOLLAR EQUIVALENT PHRASEOLOGY
RATHER THAN EGYPTIAN POUNDS, SINCE THIS NOT DOLLAR PROGRAM.
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